



RIVER ROAD African American MUSEUM & GALLERY

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Welcome to the River Road African American Museum

The traveler who follows the meandering Mississippi River Road through Southeastern Louisiana can still view monuments to the state's antebellum culture. The River Road African American Museum is located at the Tezcuco Plantation in Ascension Parish, approximately six miles from Interstate 10 between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Each year, the museum welcomes thousands of visitors from across the United States and international guests from Canada, Europe, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Group tours are available by appointment.

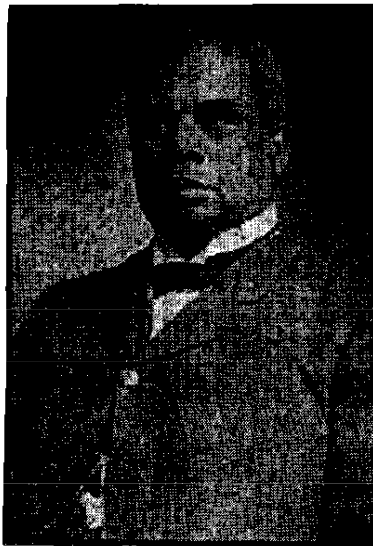
An African American Heritage Tour of the nearby communities includes a visit to a slave cemetery, the monument to the Black soldiers at Fort Butler, and buildings that are a part of the museum's restoration and expansion project in historic Donaldsonville.



School children visit museum

*"Important part of education
children, of all races"*

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Pierre "Caliste" Landry, First
elected U.S. Mayor,
Donaldsonville, LA. (1868)

Profile of the Museum:

Since March of 1994, the River Road African American Museum has become an important repository for art, artifacts, documents, and buildings from area plantation communities. The Museum uses its collection in exhibits and programs that highlight the skills and contributions of African American people, the Senegambian rice fields of West Africa, sugarcane and rice plantations in Louisiana.

The Museum provides leadership in the presentation of issues relevant to Louisiana rural parishes. More importantly, the Museum serves as an international resource for the development of research on slavery and including those of contemporary significance.



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River Road African American Museum
3138 Highway 44
***Darrow, LA 70725**

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 1357
Gonzales, LA 70707-1357
Phone:(225) 562-7703
Fax:(225) 562-7704

Hours: Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday through Saturday 10 am - 5 pm / Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

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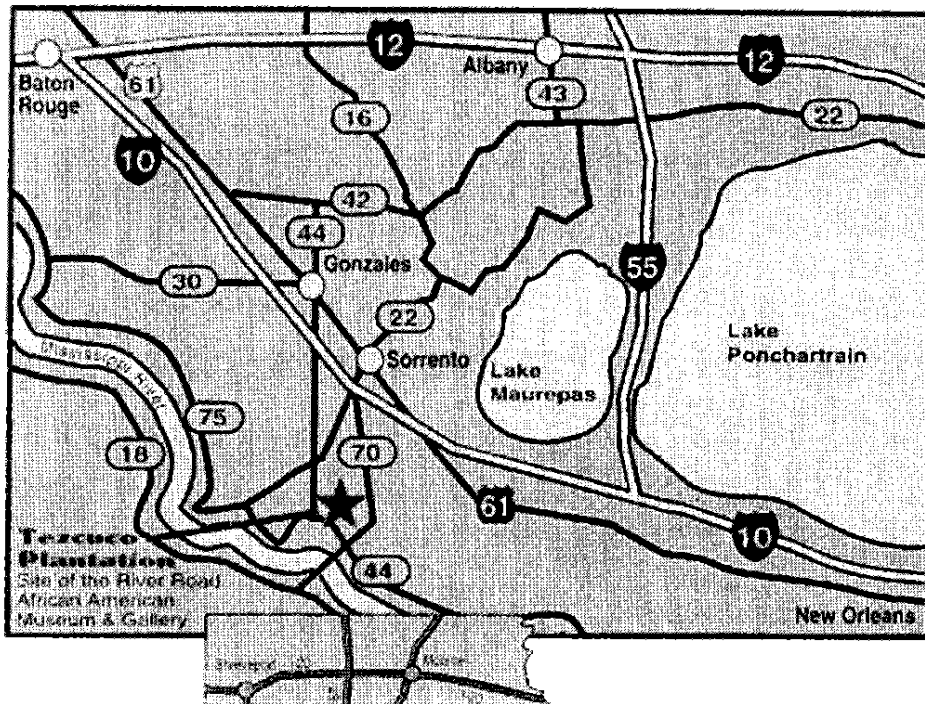
\$4.00 General Admission

*** Darrow is sometimes referred to as Burnside and Convent, Louisiana**

**** Inquire about the River Road African American Heritage Tour**

For more information, please contact:

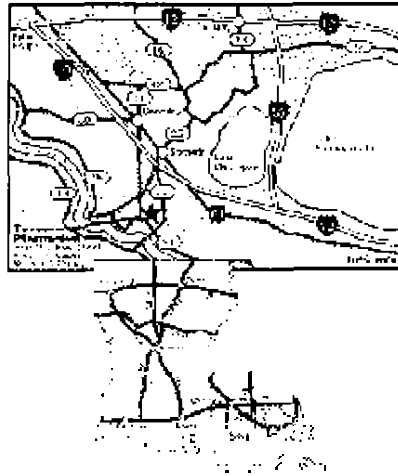
Kathe Hambrick, Museum Director, at (225) 562-7703 or
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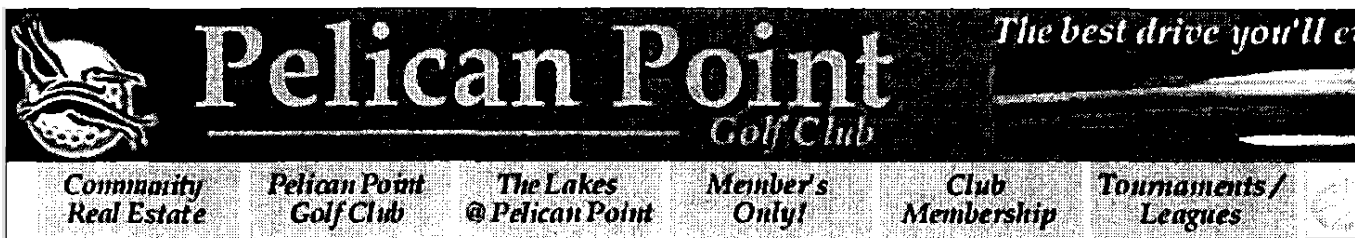
Directions to the museum

- From New Orleans, take Interstate 10 west to Exit 178; turn left. Go to highway 70 caution light and turn left. Stay in right lane, follow the signs to the River Road (under the Sunshine bridge), turn right. We are located on the Tezcuco Plantation property in the green building at the end of driveway.
- From Baton Rouge, take Interstate 10 east to Exit 179, turn right. Go to the River Road, turn left. We are located on the Tezcuco Plantation property in the green building at the end of driveway.

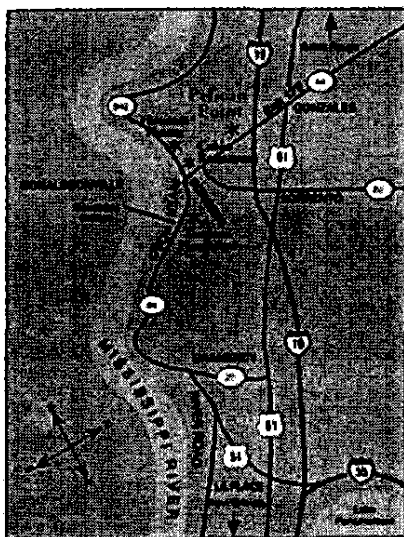
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Inquire about the River Road African American Museum Complex to be developed in Donaldsonville, LA. To make your financial contribution to River Road African American Museum, [click here](#).



Area Map/Directions



From Lafayette/Baton Rouge Area:

Take Interstate 10 East. Stay on 1-10 East until you reach the Gonzales/Burnside Exit 179. Take a right, and go approximately 2 miles and you will see Pelican Point on the right.

From New Orleans:

Take Interstate 10 West. Pelican Point is approximately 45 minutes from the New Orleans International Airport in Kenner. Stay on 1-10 West until you reach the Gonzales/Burnside Exit 179. Take a left, and go approximately 2 miles and you will see Pelican Point on the right.

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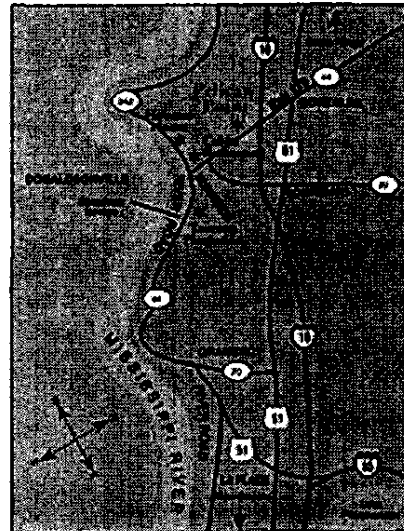
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The Exceptional Location

Community facts:

- **School District:** Pelican Point is located in the Ascension Parish School system. heralded as one of the best in the state, in the St. Amant school district, top ranked in both educational scores and athletics for the past five years. Excellent private schools are also nearby.
- **Medical Services:** Columbia Riverview Hospital, located less than 5 minutes away, includes fully equipped and staffed emergency and routine medical service. East Ascension General Hospital is less than ten minutes away, and also offers full medical services. Emergency "911" telephone and parish-wide ambulance service is also available 24-hours everyday.
- **Local Points of Interest:** Tezcuco Plantation Home (Bed & Breakfast), Houmas House Plantation and the Cabin Restaurant are all less than 2 miles from Pelican Point. The Cajun Village is less than 3 miles, and the new multi-purpose Lamar-Dixon Expo Center is also just minutes away.



The office building will be highly restricted and available for banking, medical, dental and other professional offices. The Promenade is planned to be a unique shopping area which may offer services such as dry cleaners, pharmacy, gift shops, gourmet foods, antique shops and specialty boutiques

- Proximity to Baton Rouge & New Orleans:
- 10 minutes - South Baton Rouge / Highland Road
- 25 minutes - Baton Rouge Metro Airport
- 20 minutes - Laplace
- 35 minutes - New Orleans Airport

Pelican Point

a master planned community

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Retirement Builders Reach Out to Extended Families

By [Name] and [Name]

As the baby boom generation approaches retirement, many are turning to their extended families for support. This article explores the challenges and opportunities of building a retirement plan that includes family members.

Living the Family

By [Name]

This article discusses the importance of family in retirement planning and how to navigate the complexities of family dynamics.

A Patient New Life

By [Name]

This article explores the impact of aging on family relationships and the need for patience and understanding.

At Home for the Kids

By [Name]

This article discusses the challenges of having adult children living at home and how to manage the situation.

Family and the Future

By [Name]

This article explores the importance of family in the future and how to prepare for the challenges ahead.

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Click [here](#) or on the article for a larger version of the Wall Street Journal's Article on Retirement Living.

Pelican Point Development Make Page of "The Wall Street Journal"

On Monday, June 25, 2001, the front page of The Wall Street Journal included Pelican Point Master Planned Regency Community in an article dedicated to cutting edge multi-generational communities throughout America.

Pelican Point, along with Del Webb US Home, are among the true pioneers of large-scale master planned development.

featuring distinct areas within the community, which are designated, designed, and affordably priced for a wide range of lifestyle age groups. Included in this mix is typically an age-qualified 55+ section. Developer, Douglas Diez stands extremely proud of the national media attention Pelican Point is attracting in our early stages. Pelican Point was sort of vanilla. However, we have added a rainbow of flavors." "With the addition of thousands of trees, millions of dollars of landscaping, the addition of numerous amenities, and eight (8) professionally decorated and furnished IDEA Homes, we have recently seen an incredible transformation."

(Pelican Point is located just south of I-10 (Exit 179) on I-49 near Gonzales.

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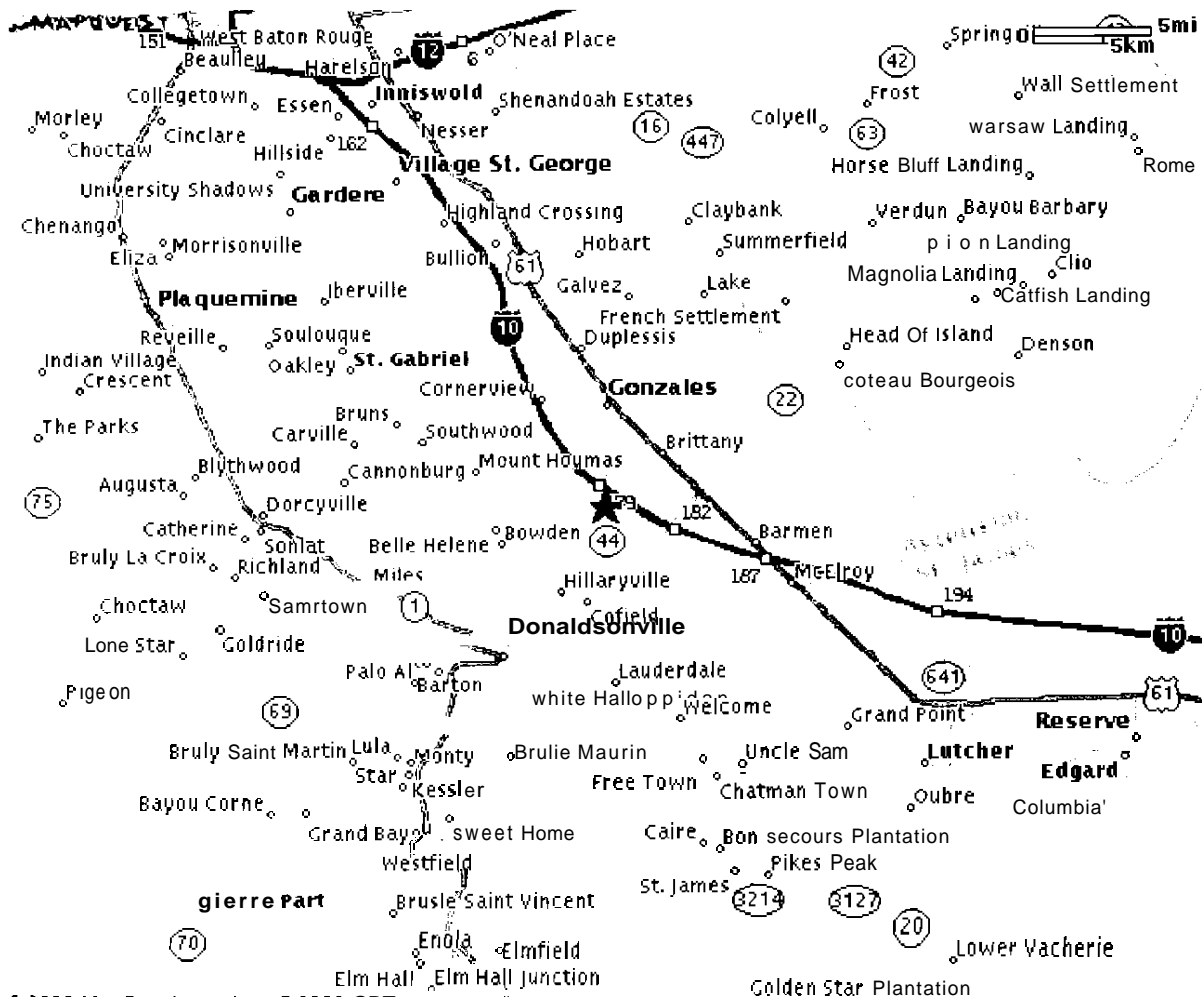
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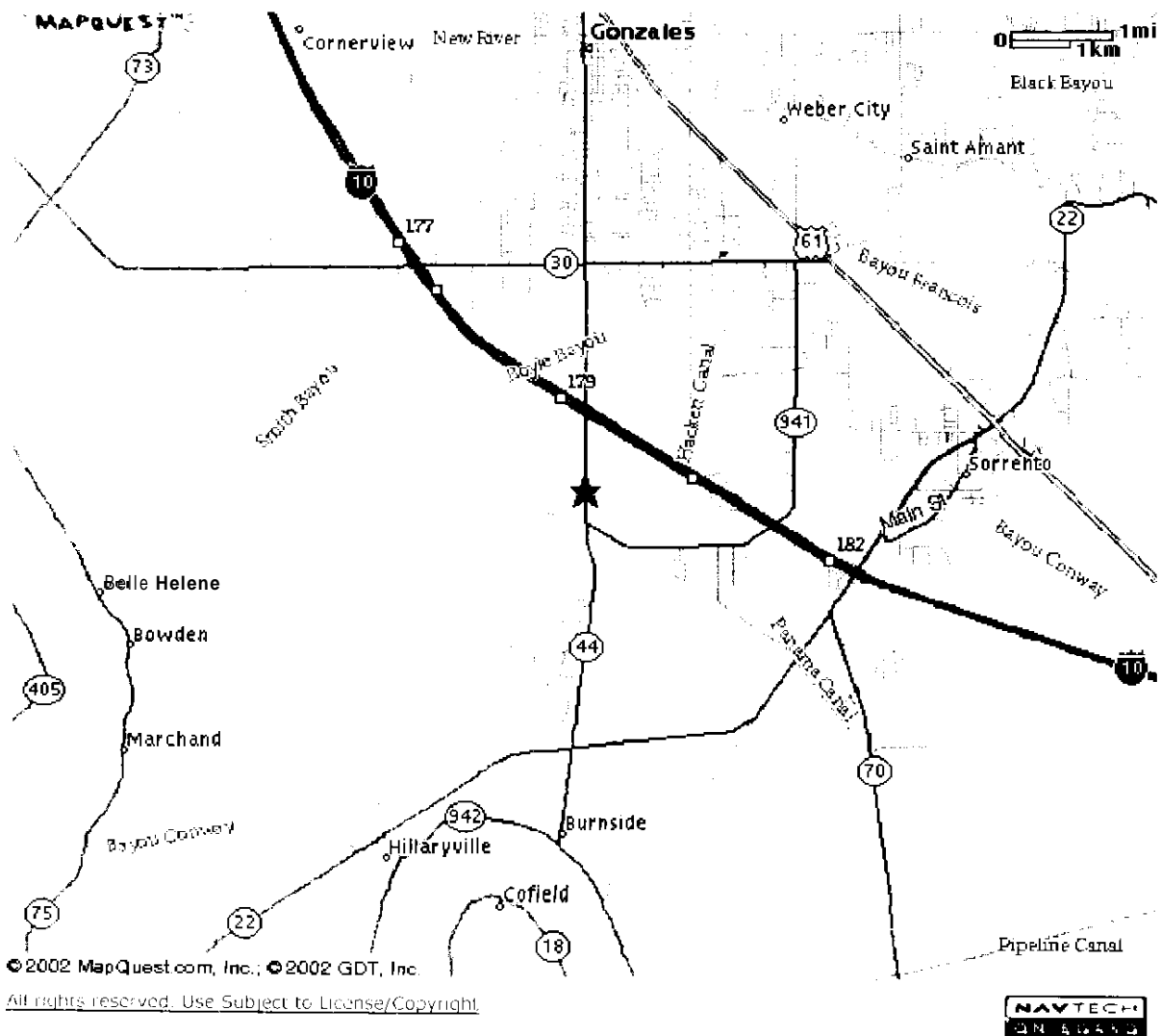
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For additional information: **visit the Louisiana Airport Authority website**
www.LA-Airportauthority.com

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ASCENSION PARISH HOME RULE CHARTER


If you have any questions or if you would like to contact the web staff,
E-mail us staff@ascensionparish.net

*We invite you to visit the following sites.
Your participation helps us to better serve you.*



AscensionPlan.org

Visit for the revision of the Ascension Parish Development Code
Protecting Land and Managing Growth in Ascension Parish



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A Vision of our Future
Your Ascension Parish
administration conducts "Town
Hall" style meetings where citizen
input helps us look into the future
needs of our parish.
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[Click here to see the slide presentations](#)

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Ascension Parish Veterans Memorial Park Committee

These pages refer to a past event, but the information is still of interest
Good reference for student reports



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Welcome to the *official* Web Site of Ascension Parish Government

Hello!
I'm Harold Marchand,
Ascension Parish President



Welcome to the Ascension Parish Website. As our parish continues to be one of the fastest growing parishes in Louisiana, the services offered by our parish government continue to grow as well. Please visit our website often because we are constantly updating information to keep up with this progressive parish. And, if you are passing through the area, please stop in to sample our rich heritage and culture. Our history and the people of this special parish make Ascension Parish unique and inviting.

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Ascension Parish Government

Contact Us

The addresses and phone numbers below are for the Ascension Parish Government Administration office.

 **Ascension Parish**

Our Departmental Directory has more detailed list of numbers. For further information, please call
621-5709.

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*The Parish of Ascension maintains administrative offices on both sides of the Mississippi River.
You may contact the Parish through either location*

Gonzales

Location:

**208 E. Railroad Avenue
Gonzales, Louisiana**

Located in downtown Gonzales
along New River Canal

Mailing Address:

**Parish of Ascension
P. O. Box 1659
Gonzales, LA 70707-1659**

Phone & Fax Numbers:

Phone - 225-621-5709
Fax - 225-621-5704

Donaldsonville

Location:

**114 Nichols Street
Donaldsonville, Louisiana**

located in downtown Donaldsonville
behind the
historic Ascension Parish Courthouse

Mailing Address:

**Parish of Ascension
P. O. Box 1659
Gonzales, LA 70707-1659**

Phone & Fax Numbers:

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Boards and Commissions

Here, you will find a list of the Boards and Commissions that help us to govern Ascension Parish. Click on the name of a board to view the list of members and contact information.

Many dedicated individuals serve on these boards and we encourage you to attend their meetings and become involved in improving Ascension Parish

- Animal Control Committee
- A.P.R.C. Advisory Committee
- Ascension-St. James Airport Authority
- Basinwide Early Warning System Committee
- Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Board
- Bingo Control Committee
- Cablevision Rate Regulation Committee
- Capital Region Planning Commission
- Capital Resource Conservation & Development Council
- Civic Center Commission
- Communications District Board
- Community Rating System Committee
- Construction Board of Adjustments
- Human Resource Review Board
- Industrial Development Board
- Keep Ascension Beautiful Board
- Library Board
- Mental Health Board
- Mortgage Authority
- Overall Community Assessment Committee
- Planning Commission Review Board
- Planning & Zoning
- Recreation Governing Board
- Residential Contractors Examiners Board
- Strategic Planning Committee
- Tourist Commission
- Waterworks Boards
- Consolidated Utilities District #1

& Appeals

- **East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Board**
- **East Ascension Hospital Service District Board**
- **Fire Protection Board District #1**
- **Fire Protection Board District #2**
- **Housing Authority**

District #2


District #6

- **West Ascension Drainage Board**
- **West Ascension Hospital Service District Board**
- **West Ascension Recreation District Board**
- **Zoning Board of Adjustments & Appeals**
- **Zoning Sub-Committee**



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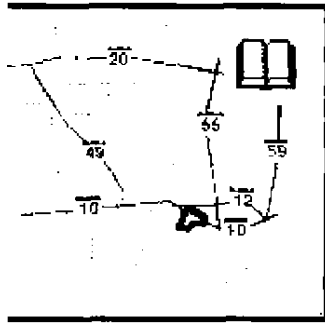
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Ascension Parish

(county) is located in southeast Louisiana. Bayou Manchac, the **Amite** River, Bayou Pierre, the Petite Amite River and the Blind River, form the watery northern border with East Baton



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Ascension Parish Map

Rouge and Livingston parishes. On the east a small portion of St. John the Baptist Parish separates Ascension from Lake Maurepas and to the south are St. James and Assumption parishes. Ascension shares a western border with Iberville Parish on both sides of the Mississippi River.

Voting Districts

Congress- ional	Supreme Court	Court of Appeals Circuit ~ District	Public Service	BESE	Senate	House	Judicial
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Community Spirit

In the second half of this century industry has found itself at home in Ascension Parish (county), but passing through it on Interstate 10 all the driver sees is dense forest overgrowth and a few exits for Gonzales and Sorrento. This is one of the many contrasts of the parish, which stands out from the river parishes as progressive, but somehow untouched by the crowding of larger urban areas. Its population swells with commuters during the workday and at night it is a quiet and safe suburban enclave. On weekends it invites tourists and residents alike to enjoy the many cultural and recreational advantages that its location affords.

Geography

Ascension Parish consists of an area of 312 square miles, or 192,006 acres and is located in the terrace and Mississippi flood plain region of southeast Louisiana. It is bound on the north by Bayou Manchac and East Baton Rouge Parish; on northeast by the Amite River, Bayou Pierre, Petite Amite River, Blind River and Livingston Parish; on the east by St. John the Baptist; on the south by St. James and Assumption Parish; and on the west by Iberville Parish.

Ascension Parish is fortunate in having a large portion of its land area of sufficient elevation for development. Its topography is relatively flat. In the southern portion of the parish, the land is 15-20 feet above sea level along the river banks, sloping gradually down to five feet away from the river. This sloping resulted from natural levees formed by the Mississippi River. Going north, the elevation begins to rise again, reaching 20-25 in the northern portion of the parish. The only extensive lowland is the area in the southeast and northwest portions of the parish,

	<p>Ascension is divided into two sections by the Mississippi River with 80% of the land being east of the river and the balance on the west bank. The land on the eastern side of the Mississippi River drains into the Pontchartrain drainage area. The remainder of the land is drained by the lower Mississippi drainage area and is made up of waterways which lead south toward the Gulf of Mexico. The principle outlet for western Ascension is Bayou Lafourche.</p>		
Land Use	Use Area (Acres) and Percentage		
	Residential, Mixed Urban or Built-up Land	14,625	7.5%
	Industrial, Transport., Communications -- Services	6,162	3.2%
	Agricultural Land, Cropland and Pasture	73,961	38.0%
	Water	6,656	3.4%
	Transitional Areas	1,004	0.5%

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Contacts

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legislative and administrative body. Its legislative functions include enacting ordinances and resolutions, establishing programs and setting policy. As an administrative body, it prepares the budget, hires personnel, spends money, negotiates contracts, and in general, directs the activity under its supervision.	bond issues, levy taxes, and generally perform duties of government as may be required by law. The council authority includes zoning regulations, a planning commission, and industrial development.
<p style="text-align: center;">Police Jury</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P. O. Box 351, Donaldsonville, LA 70346 (225) 473-4815</p>	
District 1. Alvin "Coach" Thomas, Jr. (D) District 2. Tom "Moose" Pearce (D) District 3. Joseph U. Pierre, Sr. (D) District 4. Dudley Brown (D) District 5. Gilbert Buratt (D) District 6. Milton "Needlenose" Vicknair (D)	District 7. Todd Lambert (D) District 8. Jeffrey N. Poche (D) District 9. Jerry P. Savoy (D) District 10. Marvin Braud (D) District 11. Darnell Martinez (D)
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector: "Jeff" Wiley (D) P. O. Box 268 Donaldsonville, LA 70346 (225) 473-8671	Assessor: Gerald M. McCrory, Jr. (D) P. O. Box 544 Donaldsonville, LA 70346 (225) 473-9239
Clerk of Court: Kermit "Hart" Bourque (D) P. O. Box 192 Donaldsonville, LA 70346 (225) 473-9866	Registrar of Voters: Robert Poche (Appt'd) 828 S. Irma Blvd., Rm 107 Gonzales, LA 70737 (225) 261-5780

For more information contact:

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Community Assets

Law Enforcement	The Ascension Parish Sheriffs main office is located in the Paris Courthouse in Donaldsonville and handles all of the criminal, civ and tax division operations, as well as police protection throughout the parish. A small office is maintained in the East Ascension Courthouse. There are 110 full-time deputies, with 15 patrol cars providing 24-hour patrol throughout the parish. The parish has just completed a new jail complex and maintains a first rate HazMat team that works with area industries to prevent and contain hazardous material accidents.
Fire Department	Ascension Parish has 5 fire stations with at least 127 volunteer firemen located throughout the parish. Fire rating is 6 in Napoleonville and Pierre Part and 8 in the remainder of the parish.
Medical Services	There are three hospitals in the parish with a total of 300 beds. The medical field in the parish is comprised of 2 clinics, 26 doctors and 18 dentists. Two nursing homes with a total of 233 beds also serve the community. Acadian Ambulance Service is available in the parish. Residents also have access to the large number of medical facilities located in the regional area, including the LSU and Tulane Medical Centers in New Orleans and numerous other public and private medical facilities in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.
Parks and Recreation	<p>Due to a comfortable climate year-round, there is an abundance of outdoor recreational activities available to local residents. Most of the parish is a labyrinth of bayous, lakes and rivers which offer many miles of navigable waters to boaters and wonderful fishing, camping and hunting grounds for other residents and visitors. Public launching facilities are to be found at the Attakapas Landing on Lake Verret, Bayou Lafourche at Napoleonville, Brusle Labadie, Belle River and Pierre Part to name a few.</p> <p>Historic buildings and other points of interest are a source of pride for residents and offer visitors a variety of things to see and do. Several plantation houses and churches provide a glimpse of 19th century culture.</p> <p>Some organized sports leagues are supported by millages. Ascension Parish also has 4 public parks, two golf courses, two community swimming pools, numerous ball fields, seven tennis courts and two country clubs. Boating, and fishing on local rivers and lakes are also major activities for visitors and residents of the parish.</p> <p>The parish also has access to the vast recreational and cultural facilities of the metropolitan New Orleans area: including the new Aquarium of the Americas, the New Orleans Symphony, opera and ballet, the National Football League's New Orleans Saints, NCAA college athletics from Tulane University, University of New Orleans, Louisiana State University, and others.</p>

Shopping	
Media	<p>Communications in the area include daily newspapers from metropolitan areas (The Times-Picayune—New Orleans, The Morning Advocate—Baton Rouge) and 2 local weeklies (Ascension Pioneer—Napoleonville and Cajun Gazette—Pierre Part). The Thibodaux Daily Comet is also popular throughout the parish.</p> <p>The Ascension Pioneer, established in 1850, was originally published in French and is the oldest weekly newspaper in Louisiana.</p> <p>Many radio stations from nearby metropolitan areas cover all musical tastes and information needs, including a New Orleans station that reads printed publications and books for the sight impaired residents in the area.</p> <p>Television stations can be received from nearby metropolitan areas including all four networks (ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX) as well as several independent and public broadcast stations. Cable service is also available in most of the parish.</p>
Climate	<p>Ascension Parish enjoys a complete seasonal cycle with pleasant spring and fall seasons. Winter months are usually mild with cold</p> <p>temperature in July and August of 93 degrees.</p>

Economy

Costs

State Taxes and other costs													
1990 Ascension Parish Millage Rates	<table> <tr> <td>General Alimony Tax</td><td>3.99</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ascension Parish School Board</td><td>45.34</td></tr> <tr> <td>Special Law Enforcement District</td><td>14.46</td></tr> <tr> <td>Public Improvement Bonds Waterworks District #1</td><td>1.00</td></tr> <tr> <td>Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District</td><td>1.57</td></tr> <tr> <td>Ascension Parish Hospital Service District #1</td><td>5.19</td></tr> </table>	General Alimony Tax	3.99	Ascension Parish School Board	45.34	Special Law Enforcement District	14.46	Public Improvement Bonds Waterworks District #1	1.00	Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District	1.57	Ascension Parish Hospital Service District #1	5.19
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Ratio of Assessment: Residential - 10%, Industrial - 15%, Personal - None.

Transportation

Ascension Parish	Ascension Parish is in south-central Louisiana, approximately 60 air miles west of New Orleans. The shape of the parish roughly resembles an inverted triangle, and its southernmost tip is about 25 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. Lines of longitude 91° West and latitude 30° North bisect the parish, intersecting near Plattenville, 5 miles northeast of the parish's geographic center. Ascension is bordered on the north by Iberville and Ascension Parishes, on the east by St. James and Lafourche Parishes, on the south by Terrebonne and St. Mary Parishes, and on the West by St. Martin and Iberia Parishes. Ascension is the only one of the State's 64 subdivisions which borders eight other parishes.
U. S. Highway 61	
State Highway 1	
State Highway 70	
	to Morgan City.
State Highway 22	This road is on the Federal Aid Secondary program (FAS, 50ft. ROW with 24 ft. paved surface). Cuts diagonally through the east

bank portion of the parish from the river, under 1-10 and U. S. Highway 61 in Ascension Parish. It is the parish's main commercial connection to Livingston Parish to the north.

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State Highway 70	Paincourtville	Highway 70	
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Railroads	Ascension Parish is served by the Illinois Central Railroad and the Louisiana & Arkansas Railroad on the east bank of the Mississippi River. The L&A tracks run parallel to U.S. 61 and the Illinois Central tracks are between the river and 1-10 where most of the industry is located. On the west bank the Missouri Pacific Traverses the river and serves the industrial corridor between Baton Rouge and New Orleans. Rail rates in Louisiana for many commodities tend to be lower than those in the other states because of the competition from barge carriers. All lines handle a significant volume of containers, TOFC and carload traffic between New Orleans and other parts of America. One day rail service is provided to Baton Rouge and New Orleans, two days to Shreveport, and three days to Houston or Dallas, Texas,
Port Facilities	Louisiana's lower Mississippi corridor is the leading port area in the world with a total annual tonnage of over 345 million tons.

	<p>The port area stretches 230 miles inland on both banks of the river with more than 110,000 acres of large, affordable deepwater sites having barge and ship access. There are several campus-type industrial parks suitable for warehouse/distribution operations, offices, sales/service facilities and light manufacturing/assembly. The Port of South Louisiana, the Port of New Orleans and the Port of Greater Baton Rouge are three of the port authorities along this corridor which operate Foreign Trade Zones. Imported materials may be processed or repackaged in these zones without paying United States Customs duties or certain taxes.</p> <p>The Port of Greater Baton Rouge is also only 23 miles away from Ascension Parish. The Port of New Orleans, which has jurisdiction over river traffic in the parishes of Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard, is one of the largest in the world according to the Army Corps of Engineers. It is served by 14 barge lines and about 100 steamship lines. More than 4,000 ships call annually. In 1987, they carried 44.9 million tons of cargo, worth \$10.7 billion. Cargo can be delivered by barge from Louisiana to all of mid-America via the 19,000 mile Mississippi River System. Louisiana also sits at the center of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway system that rims the northern Gulf of Mexico. Further, the state itself has 4,500 miles of navigable waterways served by 25 harbor and terminal districts, many of which can issue low-interest industrial revenue bonds to finance manufacturing and storage facilities. Also through the state there is a port construction and priority program that may assist in funding port facilities.</p>
Deep Water	<p>The Port of South Louisiana, is located on the Mississippi River</p> <p>taxes.</p>
Airports	<p>The aviation facility serving Ascension Parish is 25 miles to the northeast in Baton Rouge and is served by 5 commercial carriers with 31 flights daily. General aviation facilities are also available at the Baton Rouge Metro Airport and one commuter airline for shorter destinations. Those current commercial carriers are Delta, American, Continental, Northwest and Emerald.</p> <p>The St. James-Ascension Airport Authority, at present, is developing a 150 acre site for general aviation. This facility will be located one mile south of Interstate 10 and one mile west of LA 44. The facility will cost 8 to \$10,000,000 and is scheduled in three phases. This project is being funded through the Airport Authority and the Federal Aviation Administration and should be operational in the early 1990's. At present, approximately 75% of the land required has been purchased. Sixty-eight Louisiana cities have hard-surfaced public airports, most with night landing capability. Another 250 private airports can accommodate light aircraft.</p> <p>New Orleans International Airport (Moisant Field) serves southeast Louisiana with more than 20 national and international</p>

	carriers providing direct passenger and cargo transportation to destinations in the U.S., Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. New Orleans International Airport is 60 miles from Ascension Parish and is accessible via Interstate Highway 10. Baton Rouge Airport is 20 miles from Gonzales and accessible via Interstate Highway 10.																																																
Other Transportation	Nationwide passenger and parcel service are provided by Greyhound Bus Lines in Gonzales and Hotard Coaches provides inter city bus service in Donaldsonville. Emery/Purolator, United Parcel Service and Federal Express are available.																																																
Freight Carriers	<p>More than 50 freight carriers service the area including: Arkansas Freight, CSW, SAIA Motor Freight Line, Roadway Express, Red Ball, Consolidated, Jones Truck Lines and Yellow Freight Lines. Motor Freight Carrier Terminals are located in Baton Rouge and Port Allen, 25 miles to the north and in Houma 50 miles south.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="3">Approximate Distance and Transit</th></tr><tr><th>City</th><th>Miles</th><th>Days</th></tr><tr><td>Atlanta</td><td>511</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Birmingham</td><td>349</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Chicago</td><td>920</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Cincinnati</td><td>811</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Dallas</td><td>495</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Denver</td><td>1,279</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Houston</td><td>340</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Kansas City</td><td>810</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Louisville</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Memphis</td><td>393</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>Minneapolis</td><td>1,229</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>Mobile</td><td>190</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>Nashville</td><td>482</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>St. Louis</td><td>577</td><td>2</td></tr></table>	Approximate Distance and Transit			City	Miles	Days	Atlanta	511	2	Birmingham	349	1	Chicago	920	2	Cincinnati	811	2	Dallas	495	1	Denver	1,279	3	Houston	340	1	Kansas City	810	2	Louisville			Memphis	393	2	Minneapolis	1,229	3	Mobile	190	1	Nashville	482	2	St. Louis	577	2
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